

NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Lent

One of the prefaces we pray during Lent refers to these forty days in this way. "For by your gracious gift each year your faithful await the sacred paschal feasts with the joy of minds made pure, so that, more eagerly intent on prayer and on the works of charity, **and participating in the mysteries by which they have been reborn**, they may be led to the fullness of grace that you bestow on your sons and daughters." (Italics mine)

The mysteries referred to is the celebration of the Sacred Triduum, that one liturgy in three parts which commences on Holy Thursday and concludes with the celebration of the Lord's resurrection. The prayer presumes that the works of Lent include participation in the ceremonies of this most sacred time. The mysteries celebrated in this liturgy are also something alive, present and active today. Their message and purpose is not simply to act out what was done long ago but instead to be as open as we can possibly be to the presence of Christ giving us today his body and blood (Holy Thursday) which has been broken and poured out for us (Good Friday) and the finality and end which is death, has in fact led to new life. (Easter Sunday). The mysterious part is that the love, power and force of that sacrifice is constantly occurring in the Body of Christ and through it, in the world. The journey of our elect and their celebration of the Sacraments is evidence of this life at work among us.

Another aspect of participating in the mysteries by which we are reborn is that the Body of Christ, the Church, is renewed and reborn. As well as our personal life of faith being enriched by gathering with the Church on these sacred days so too is the whole Body. Our parish community is blessed in ways we do not always appreciate when we gather to celebrate that which is our identity and unity; the self-sacrifice of Christ which becomes a source of eternal life and shared with us every time we celebrate the Eucharist.

I hope you can give serious consideration to participating in the ceremonies of Holy Week as we gather to indeed know and celebrate the grace of rebirth.

One parishioner recently asked if it were possible to publish the names of those who have been baptised at Sts Peter and Paul's. Not only is this possible but, within the constraints of privacy rules, it is most appropriate. What more basic knowledge for the local faith community is there but to welcome and acknowledge those who have been reborn to the life of Christ we now share together. On your behalf I congratulate those born again in Baptism at Sts Peter and Paul this year:

Harlow Ashleigh, William James, Penelope Rose, Ashwin John, Carlos Angel, Archie Andrew, Joseph David, Ruby Cui Lian and Gigi Rose

Blessings for the week ahead,

Fr Kevin


We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationships of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.



Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Tony Drury, Jacqueline Vojtisek, Bernard Feenberg, **recently deceased and also for** Mal Thomson, Dennis Duncan, Bill Hanley, Robyn Illett, Stan Grzegorzolka, deceased members of Begley and Bourke Family, Giuseppe Saffioti, Francesca Saffioti, Ross Saffioti, Jarrett Family, Patricia O'Connell, Beryl Allam, Don Clinen, Paul Troja, John Moore, Vince Torraino.



Please remember the sick in your prayers – Margaret Linnett, Harold O'Connell, Pete Waldron, Tony Desbrow, Cooper Price and Hazel Langthorne.

 Liturgy and Prayers this Week		20 March – 26 March	
Monday	-	St Joseph	-
Tuesday	-		-
Wednesday	7:00pm		Mass
Thursday	-		-
Friday	8:00am 7:00pm		Mass + Adoration Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9:00am	Annunciation of the Lord	Mass
Sunday	5:30pm(Saturday), 8:00am and 5:30pm		Fifth Sunday of Lent
Readings – Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45			
Reconciliation	Saturday 9:30am and 5:00pm		
Rosary and Angelus	Saturday before the 9:00am Mass		
Meditation	Tuesday 4pm at the Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne.		

DIARY DATE CLAIMERS 2023

Thursday 23 March

Playgroup meet at 9am

Sunday 26 March

Social Justice Group meet at 9am

Tuesday 28 March

Carer's Group meet at 10am in Hall

Thursday 30 March

St Vincent de Paul meet at 6pm

Friday 31 March

Drop in Morning 10am in the Hall

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

COVID REQUIREMENTS – Please continue with routine precautions minimising the risk of transmission -

- Stay home when you are sick
- Maintain good hand hygiene
- Maintain social distancing (1.5m) when queuing for Holy Communion and when entering/exiting the Church.
- Wear a mask when in close contact with others.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

- **Collection Boxes at the church doors** - cash donations
- **Tap and Go device** – pre-set to \$10 donation at the door
- **Give via direct debit or your Credit Card** - please call the parish office or find the form on the website (Quick Links)
- **Direct deposit donation to our bank account** - BSB 064 786 A/C 100016732 (Ref: surname)

Another easy way to support the Parish is by using the Parish Giving App: <http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>



Goal Eight
The Cry of the Earth
Wash out and reuse all glass and plastic containers.

PROJECT COMPASSION – Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam. With the support of the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development, Thu can now earn extra income and care for his wife as she recovers from a stroke. **PLEASE DONATE TO PROJECT COMPASSION 2023.** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.** You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available at the church doors, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or calling 1800 024 413.



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be celebrated each Friday during Lent at 7pm. Please join us in the church as part of your Lenten journey. All welcome.



SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP will meet next Sunday morning after the 8am Mass. Anyone who is interested in social justice issues is very welcome to come.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY of the WORD - during Sunday 8am Mass in school terms. After the opening prayer, children will gather in the Parish hall to learn about the Liturgy of the Word in a way that is engaging for their level of understanding. We encourage young primary school aged children to attend.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2023

Please mark these important dates in your diary.

FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4 children)

Parent information sessions

4 May 7pm OR 5 May 9:30am

Celebration of First Holy Communion 10-11 June

CONFIRMATION (Year 3 children)

Parent information sessions

20 July 7pm OR 21 July 9:30am

Celebration of Confirmation 29 August



PLAYGROUP BULIMBA is on each Thursday morning during the school term from 9am-11am. Come along to the parish hall for this week's free play activity.

ALL WELCOME, including carers and grandparents.



SAVE THE DATE - Please join us as we celebrate the first 'drop in' Friday of 2023. Come and enjoy hospitality with morning tea on Friday 31 March in the parish hall from 10am-12 noon. This is a great way to meet others and join the conversation moving forward. Everyone is very welcome. Spread the word it's on!

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.

For the past 21 years my wife has been complaining about me not putting the cap back on the toothpaste, so on our anniversary I decided to change this bad habit and make my wife happy. For a week, I was diligent, always capping the toothpaste. I was expecting my wife to thank me, but she never did. Finally last night, she turned and looked at me and said, "Why have you stopping brushing your teeth?"

Archbishop Mark Coleridge
invites you to the annual

CHRISM MASS

Thursday 30th March 2023
@ 7:00pm

Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth Street,
Brisbane

A celebration for the entire Archdiocese
All Welcome
car parking available from 6:00pm

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



VOCATION VIEW: If we cannot see where we are going, we will never get there. The Good Shepherd leads us to green pastures, refreshes our souls and brings light to a darkened world. Please pray for Vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation please contact the Vocation office on 1300 133 544 or vocation@bne.catholic.net.au

IONA PASSION PLAY Good Friday 7 April at 7pm and Saturday 8 April at 2pm. Iona Performing Arts Complex, Wynnum West. For further details and to purchase tickets please go to www.passionplay.org.au



TWO MINUTE HOMILY by priests from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane. You are able to watch this week's homily [here](#).



DEDICATED ADORERS NEEDED - St James Parish Coorparoo has joined with eight other parishes in Brisbane and the Gold Coast to offer Eucharistic Adoration all day, every day. Each individual parish will be responsible for covering one full 24-hour period every week. St James Parish Coorparoo is responsible every **Tuesday from 8:30am (after the 8:00 am Mass) to Wednesday 8:00am**. In order for Adoration to be perpetual we need adorers to dedicate at least one hour a week to being quietly present with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. If you would like to join, please complete your details on the flyer at the church doors and return to Coorparoo or the parish office who will forward on your behalf.

MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Today's Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

GATHERING HYMN

LET US EVER GLORY IN THE CROSS

Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ,
our salvation and our hope.
Let us bow in homage to the Lord of Life,
who was broken to make us whole
There is no greater love, as blessed as this:
to lay down one's life for a friend.
Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ
and the triumph of God's great love.



Let us make our journey to the cross of Christ,
who surrendered glory and grace
To become a servant of the great and small,
that all people may know God's face.
Though his birth was divine, he knelt as a slave,
to wash common dust from our feet.
Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ
and the triumph of God's great love.

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PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you,
my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through
my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and
Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus,
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus,
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of
God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not
made, consubstantial with the Father; through him, all things
were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from
heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the
third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of
the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look
forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the
world to come.
Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

SHEPHERD ME O GOD

*REFRAIN Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
Beyond my fears, from death into life,*

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
My spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred
Crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
All the days of my life:
I well dwell in the house of my God forever more.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people.
Light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

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